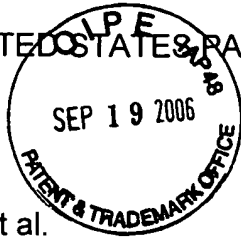


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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants are respectfully submitting the attached Declaration under 37 §C.F.R. 1.132. The Declaration clarifies that the Article referenced in the Declaration is not prior art against the application. Therefore, if no other prior art is uncovered when the Examiner conducts the patentability search for this Application; the Application should be passed onto issuance.

Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is required in connection with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

We the undersigned hereby declare:

1) We, the undersigned, are the joint inventors of the invention described in the above-captioned patent application.

2) We are also familiar with an article entitled "The Study for the Reduction of Autogenous Shrinkage in Ultra High-Strength Concrete", published in "Concrete Engineering Annual Articles, Proceeding of the Japan Concrete Institute, Vol. 25, 2003, pages 1007-1012 (the Article). The Article was published on July 1, 2003 and submitted as part of the filing of this application. The authors of the Article were Kazunori Takada, Shuji Yanai, Takahiro Watanabe, and Toshimichi Ichinomiya. These four authors are also named as joint inventors in the above-captioned patent application.

3) The four named authors in Paragraph 2 above were selected as representatives for publication purposes of the Article. However, the subject matter found in the Article is derived from the work of all of the undersigned inventors of this application, not just the four named authors listed in the Article.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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